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Ilsa: Harem Keeper of the Oil Sheiks

Other recent sexploitation releases include the second entry in the "Ilsa" trilogy and two more installments in the Nikkatsu Erotic Films Collection. "**Ilsa: Harem Keeper of the Oil Sheiks**" finds Dyanne Thorne in the Middle East, years after her stint as "She Wolf of the SS" and before her transformation as "Tigress of Siberia." Ilsa labors as the sadistic headmistress of a charm school for a power-mad sheik's harem of imported sex slaves, including a millionaire's daughter, a movie star and a champion equestrian. She pleases her boss by devising a scheme in which some of the women under her command are literally turned into sex bombs, tricked out to explode when they experience an orgasm. Besides Thorne, "Harem Keeper of the Oil Sheiks" is enhanced by the presence of Russ Meyer regulars Haji and Uschi Digard and "Nubian bodyguards" Tanya Boyd and Marilyn Joi. Some scenes of torture and violence aren't for the faint of heart or easily offended, but anyone able to read the title should know that already.

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